

Amendment No. 2 to HB0137

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 142

House Bill No. 137*

by deleting the second to last undesignated section, which amends subsection (k) and subdivision (b)(5) in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, and substituting instead the following:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, is amended by deleting subsection (k) and adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(5):

(A) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is entitled under this chapter to be issued a registration plate for a private passenger vehicle pursuant to this section shall receive a registration plate upon initial registration of the vehicle that is designed in a manner to have engraved or embossed on it the national motto language "In God We Trust", which must be located immediately above and parallel to the area for the display of the county. Registration plates for private passenger motor vehicles must be issued containing the national motto language as described in this subdivision (b)(5)(A) upon the depletion of the existing inventory being utilized by the department of revenue.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(5)(A), an owner or lessee may elect in the alternative for the issuance of a registration plate without the national motto language.

(C) Prior to issuing a registration plate for a private passenger vehicle, the county clerk shall inquire of the owner or lessee which registration plate the owner or lessee would like to be issued. If no preference is indicated, then the owner or lessee shall be issued a registration plate with the national motto language by default.

(D) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(5)(A), an owner or lessee may request and be issued a replacement registration plate described in subdivision (b)(5)(A) or (B) if the owner's or lessee's existing plate:

- (i) Contains the national motto language and the owner or lessee is requesting a plate without the national motto language;
- (ii) Does not contain the national motto language and the owner or lessee is requesting a plate that contains the national motto language; or
- (iii) Has been lost, stolen, destroyed, mutilated, or so damaged as to be illegible.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the following undesignated section:

SECTION __. Beginning January 1, 2024, or upon the depletion of the existing inventory of plates being utilized by the department of revenue, the commissioner of revenue shall ensure that registration plates issued pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, must no longer include the language "www.tnvacation.com" and that the national motto language "In God We Trust" must be located on registration plates for private passenger vehicles immediately above and parallel to the area for the display of the county and in the same font size as the previously included language "www.tnvacation.com". The commissioner shall ensure that a sufficient number of registration plates without the national motto language are available to be issued for private passenger vehicles in addition to those with the language.

and substituting instead the following:

SECTION __. Beginning January 1, 2024, or upon the depletion of the existing inventory of plates being utilized by the department of revenue, the commissioner of revenue shall ensure that registration plates issued pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, must no longer include the language "www.tnvacation.com" and that the national motto language "In God We Trust" must be

located on registration plates for private passenger vehicles immediately above and parallel to the area for the display of the county and in the same font size as the previously included language "www.tnvacation.com". Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, registration plates in the department's existing inventory on January 1, 2024, that contain the language "www.tnvacation.com" may continue to be issued on or after that date until the existing inventory is depleted. The commissioner shall ensure that a sufficient number of registration plates without the national motto language are available to be issued for private passenger vehicles in addition to those with the language.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language as a new subdivision (4) to § 55-4-314(b) in the amendatory language of Section 1:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Historic Maury new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (b) has until July 1, 2024, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).